

# **CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING BUDGET ADOPTION**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:30 P.M.**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION**

## **MINUTES**

**A Budget Adoption Meeting of the Cranston School Committee was held on the evening of the above date at Western Hills Middle School in the Auditorium with the following members present: Chairperson Iannazzi, Mr. Lombardi, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Ruggieri, Mr. Traficante, and Mrs. Culhane. Mrs. McFarland was absent with cause. Mr. Nero, Mr. Balducci, Dr. Lundsten, Mrs. Coogan, Mr. Votto, Mrs. Nota-Masse, Mr. Dillon and Attorney Cascione were also present.**

**The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Traficante and seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried that the members adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Contract Negotiations' Update- Bus Drivers/Trades People/Mechanics, Custodians); (Secretary Arbitration Award); (Teacher Assistants/Technical Assistants/Bus Aides Arbitration Award)**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.**

**The roll was called – A quorum was present.**

**There were no votes taken in Executive Session.**

**Executive Session Minutes Sealed – February 28, 2011**

**Moved by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried that the February 28, 2011 Executive Session minutes remain confidential.**

**Public Hearing**

**a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Matters)**

**There were none.**

**b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**

**There were none.**

**Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda**

**NO. 11-02-18 - RESOLVED, Whereas, there may be more qualified teachers who will apply for current positions, and a better fit for the district, and**

**Whereas, certain positions became available after the teacher selection of August 17, 2010 and more senior and/or qualified**

**teachers may elect to occupy these positions, and**

**Whereas, there is uncertainty of sufficient Federal, State and local funding for general and categorical programs for the 2011-2012 school year, program reductions, student and district needs, consolidation of classes, re-alignment of staff and elimination of positions to more efficiently and effectively use the school system resources, and**

**Whereas, positions occupied by retirees must be posted each year, and**

**Whereas, positions must now be made available for more senior teachers who are scheduled to return from leave, and**

**Whereas, the teacher does not have the required certification, and there may be more qualified individuals who will apply for these positions, and**

**Whereas, because of these concerns, and in accordance with Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment of certain teachers be terminated at the end of the 2010-2011 school year,**

**Whereas, the Superintendent has sent prior notice to said teachers informing them of the specific reasons for their termination, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that said teachers be terminated at the close of the school year under provisions of Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the School Committee's action to terminate their employment.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mrs. Culhane and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 11-2-18 (Above). Mrs. McFarland was absent with cause.**

#### **TABLED RESOLUTIONS:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lombardi, to remove Resolution No. 11-02-11 from the table, seconded by Mr. Bloom, and unanimously carried. (Mrs. McFarland was absent with cause)**

**At this time, Mr. Lombardi asked for the bottom line on the budget from Mr. Balducci.**

**Mr. Balducci answered, based on the adjustments made the other evening, we will be adopting a budget in the amount of \$131,093,318.**

**Mr. Lombardi made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$131,093,318. The motion was seconded by**

**Mr. Traficante. Discussion:**

**Mr. Nero**

**I believe the number we requested is actually lower than the number we requested for the 2007-2008 budget. Am I correct in saying that, Mr. Balducci?**

**Mr. Balducci**

**Yes, that is correct.**

**NO. 11-02-11- RESOLVED, that the 2011-2012 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.**

**There being no further discussion, the roll (vote) was taken:**

**Mr. Traficante Yes Mrs. Ruggieri Yes**

**Mr. Bloom Yes Mrs. Culhane Yes**

**Mr. Lombardi Yes Ms. Iannazzi Yes**

**(Mrs. McFarland was absent with cause)**

**New Business**

**There was none.**

**Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items**

**There was none.**

**Announcement of Future Meetings – March 7, March 16 and March 21,**

**2011**

**Adjournment**

**Moved by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.**

**There being no further business to come before the School Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Frank Lombardi**

**School Committee Clerk**